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WORKING GROUP ON FUELS

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(B) STATE 031800, 180021Z FEB 76

THERE FOLLOWS BELOW TEXT OF AC/297-WP/8 (REVISED) DTD 23
FEB 76, PROVIDING TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR) FOR THE WORKING
GROUP ON FUELS. MINOR CHANGES FROM THE ORIGINAL WORKING PAPER
(REF A) ARE TO BE FOUND IN PARAS 4(C), 5(C) AND 8. IN ADDITION,
DRAFTING GROUP AGREED AD REFERENDUM ON FEB 24 TO CHANGE PARA
9 SO AS TO INCLUDE A CEOA REP ON THE WORKING GROUP. THE AD
HOC COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS THE TOR ON 26 FEB 76. BECAUSE WP/8
(REVISED) CONTAINS NO SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES, WE WILL APPROVE
IT AS AUTHORIZED REF B.

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BEGIN TEXT:

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON EQUIPMENT INTEROPERABILITY

WORKING GROUP NO. 4 ON FUELS (WG 4)
TERMS OF REFERENCE

BACKGROUND

THE BASIC DOCUMENT IS AC/297-WP/2.

OBJECTIVES

2. DEFINE AND ASSESS ALTERNATIVE COURSES OF ACTION TO PROVIDE THE ALLIANCE WITH ADEQUATE INTERCHANGEABILITY OF MAIN PROPULSION FUELS FOR NAVAL SHIPS SO THAT THE FLEXIBILITY OF OPERATION OF THESE SHIPS IN ALLIANCE DEFENCE MISSIONS WILL NOT BE SIGNIFICANTLY LIMITED BY FUEL SUPPLY PROBLEMS.
3. RECOMMEND CO-ORDINATED PLANS FOR THE TRANSITION TO A NEW STANDARD FUEL FOR LAND-BASED MILITARY JET AIRCRAFT SO AS TO PRESERVE THE GREATEST FEASIBLE FLEXIBILITY FOR THE OPERATION OF SUCH AIRCRAFT THROUGHOUT THE ALLIANCE DURING THE TRANSITION PERIOD.

TASKS

4. FOR NAVAL SHIPS THE WORKING GROUP WILL
 - (A) CONFIRM OR CORRECT THE FACTS AS STATED IN WORKING PAPER AC/297-WP/2, DATED 5TH FEBRUARY, 1976;
 - (B) IDENTIFY THE PARTICULAR SHIPS WHICH ARE NOT SCHEDULED FOR CONVERSION OR DECOMMISSIONING BY 1980 (SEE ANNEX);
 - (C) ASSESS THE OPERATIONAL AND LOGISTIC PENALTIES OF NON-INTEROPERABILITY GIVEN THE LIMITED AVAILABILITY OF FUEL OIL WHICH HAS BEEN FORECAST;
 - (D) DETERMINE THE COST AND FEASIBILITY OF CONVERTING OR REPLACING THESE SHIPS (SEE ANNEX);
 - (E) DETERMINE THE COST, FEASIBILITY AND VALUE OF MAINTAINING THE SUPPLY OF FUEL OIL IN STRATEGIC PORTS AND IN FLEET OILERS IN THE WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN, THE EASTERN ATLANTIC, OR THE NORTH SEA IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO CONTINUE THE CAPABILITY OF REFUELLING THESE UNCONVERTED SHIPS (SEE MAP 1 OF AC/297-WP/2);
 - (F) DEFINE, COST AND ASSESS ALTERNATIVE ALLIANCE COURSES OF ACTION TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE NAVAL SHIP FUEL INTERCHANGE-
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ABILITY.

5. FOR AIR FORCES THE WORKING GROUP WILL:
 - (A) CONFIRM OR CORRECT THE FACTS AS STATED IN WORKING PAPER AC/297-WP/2;
 - (B) DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY AND COST OF CONVERTING ALL LAND-BASED MILITARY JET AIRCRAFT, WHETHER NOW IN ALLIANCE INVENTORIES OR SCHEDULED FOR INTRODUCTION (INCLUDING THE F-16), TO F-34 AS THE PRIMARY FUEL OR TO INTERCHANGEABLE USE OF F-34 AND F-40;
 - (C) PROPOSE ORDERLY PLANS FOR THE CONVERSION OF INVENTORY AIRCRAFT TO F-34, THE INTRODUCTION OF AIRCRAFT USING F-34, AND THE PHASE-OVER OF FUEL STOCKED AT MILITARY BASES AND IN

PIPELINES TO F-34 SO AS TO PRESERVE AT ALL TIMES THE GREATEST
FEASIBLE FLEXIBILITY FOR THE OPERATION OF ALLIED JET AIRCRAFT
THROUGHOUT THE ALLIANCE;

(D) ASSESS THE COST, RISK AND VALUE OF THE PLANS DEVELOPED.

6. AS SUBSEQUENT TASKS THE WORKING GROUP SHOULD:

(A) CONSIDER WHETHER THERE IS AN ISSUE TO BE RESOLVED ON
FUELS FOR SEA-BASED FIXED WING AIRCRAFT OR SEA-BASED HELICOPTERS;

(B) IDENTIFY ANY OTHER INTEROPERABILITY PROBLEM IN THE FIELD OF
FUELS WHICH MAY REQUIRE FURTHER STUDIES ALONG THE SAME LINES
AS THOSE GIVEN ABOVE.

7. IF IT IS SO DESIRED THE WORKING GROUP MAY AFTER AN INITIAL
GENERAL DISCUSSION FORM ITSELF INTO TWO SEPARATE WORKING PARTIES ON
SHIP AND AVIATION FUELS RESPECTIVELY, TO DRAFT REPORTS FOR
DISCUSSION BY THE MAIN WORKING GROUP AND INCORPORATION INTO THE
COMPLETE REPORT TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE AD HOC COMMITTEE.

8. THE WORKING GROUP SHOULD WORK WITHIN THE FOLLOWING TIME
SCHEDULE:

(A) IT SHOULD HOLD ITS FIRST MEETING IN THE FIRST WEEK OF
MARCH 1976;

(B) A PRELIMINARY REPORT SHOULD BE READY FOR SUBMISSION TO THE AD
HOC COMMITTEE MEETING IN THE THIRD WEEK OF MARCH 1976;

(C) IT SHOULD ESTABLISH A TIMETABLE WHICH WOULD ENABLE
IT TO MAKE A FINAL REPORT TO THE AD HOC COMMITTEE BY 10TH
APRIL, 1976 FOR THAT COMMITTEE TO SUBMIT IT TO MINISTERS IN
MAY 1976.

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MEMBERSHIP

9. THE WORKING GROUP WILL BE COMPOSED OF GOVERNMENTAL SENIOR
REPRESENTATIVES HAVING KNOWLEDGE OF FUEL PROBLEMS AND
RESPONSIBILITY FOR FUEL POLICY IN THEIR OWN ADMINISTRATIONS.
THEY WILL BE ASSISTED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MAJOR NATO
COMMANDS, AND BY APPROPRIATE MEMBERS OF MILITARY AGENCY FOR
STANDARDIZATION AND BY THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF AND INTERNATIONAL
MILITARY STAFF.

ANNEX TO

AC/297-WP/8(REVISED)

REPORT ON ON STATE OF CONVERSION TO DISTILLATE FUELS

NATION STATE OF CONVERSION ESTIMATED FUTURE AVAILABILITY
 OF F-77/F-82 IN NATIONAL
 SUPPLY SYSTEMS

BE COMPLETED FOR ALL SHIPS. NONE.

CA COMPLETED FOR ALL SHIPS. NONE

DA COMPLETED FOR ALL SHIPS. NONE.

FR ESTIMATED COMPLETION 1978/79. UNTIL 1983.

GE NO PROGRAMME (BUT ONLY
3 SHIPS ARE INVOLVED). NOT KNOWN.
GR NO PROGRAMME INDEFINITE.
IT ESTIMATED COMPLETION 1980. UNTIL 1984.
NL COMPLETED (SOME OLD NONE.
SHIPS NOT TO BE CONVERTED).
NO COMPLETED. NONE.
PO NO PROGRAMME (BUT ONLY LIMITED AVAILABILITY.
3 SHIPS INVOLVED).
UK COMPLETED (SOME OLD MID 1980S.
SHIPS NOT TO BE CONVERTED).
US ESTIMATED COMPLETION LIMITED AVAILABILITY UNTIL
JULY 1976. 1982.

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